



## Townsend Council Meeting Minutes May 6, 2015

7:30 pm – Council Meeting

- I.** Call to Order: 7:30 pm
- II.** Opening Ceremonies
  - a. Roll Call: Mayor Jermaine Hatton, CW Lorraine Gorman, CM Rudy Sutton, CW Cindy Cook, TA Fred Townsend, TE Owen Hyne, TM Dawson Green, TC Cathy Beaver
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge was said.
  - c. Recognition of Visitors: Mr. Bowers and son Peter, Deloras Bernal (Transcript), Mal Martin, Dwain Haines, Keith Shoemaker, Jeff Spiegelman
  - d. Announcements: The community yard sale is this Saturday at the park.
- III.** Additions/Deletions to Published Agenda:
  - a. CW Gorman motioned, CM Sutton seconded with unanimous vote to approve as written.
- IV.** Council Minutes (copies on back table )
  - March 18, 2015 Mid-Month minutes approved 4/22/15
  - April 1, 2015 Council minutes approved 4/22/15
- V.** Mayors Report
  - a. Received a letter from New Castle County today re: additional sewer. We have been discussing this for months, the letter flat out states they won't give us any more sewer but doesn't give a reason. I called our Town Attorney today to start looking at other avenues.
  - b. Senate Bill 70 failed the Senate vote and was sent back to the House, re: Town acquiring school property.
- VI.** Reports
  - a. State Police: Lt. Tom Paskevicius
    - Mayor Hatton stated the News Journal ran an article about the vandalism in the park and Channel 10 had a story on the news. As a result, there were several people who called the police with leads on the persons doing this. The police are following up on these tips.
  - b. Representative Jeff Spiegelman
    - Senate Bill 70 is assigned to the House Committee, of which I am on. It should be on the docket next week.
    - There is no word on Municipal Street Aid yet.
  - c. Townsend Fire Department: Keith Shoemaker
    - The monthly BBQ is the last Saturday each month. The money from them goes toward buying the lupus machine.
    - The dinner/dance last month was a bust, no one from the Town showed up, very discouraging.
    - Spring fling is in June, tickets for sale. It's held in Harrington and a prize is awarded every 5 minutes. You don't have to be present to win and the tickets are tax deductible.
  - d. Town Attorney Fred Townsend III:
    - Nothing to report.
  - e. Town Engineer Owen Hyne:
    - New Town hall bids are out, will be opening them in two weeks.
    - Streetscape concrete deterioration – have been in touch with DelDot and meeting next week to see why it is happening and come up with a fix.
  - f. Town Manager Dawson Green:
    - Three new building permits came in April. Six more have come in this week.
    - The developer will start using the side entrance into TVI this week.
    - Have been in contact with the developers about the grass.
    - Spoke with Pettinaro about a red light at the entrance to TVII East
- VII.** Committee Reports
  - a. Finance: Chair – Jermaine Hatton
    - Still cleaning up the 2004 audit.
    - Working on the FY 2015-2016 budget. A meeting is scheduled for 5/14/15.
  - b. Public Works: Chair – CM Rudy Sutton
    - Still researching whether it will make sense to remove the stumps prior to construction at 141 Main Street.

- c. Land Use & Development: Chair – Jermaine Hatton
  - NCC denied our request for additional sewer as I stated earlier.
  - DelDot did a traffic study last week at the Rt. 71 and Main Street intersection. Hope to have the numbers back soon and may get additional services at the intersection.
- d. Community Relations: Chairs – CW Cindy Cook
  - Looking forward to attending the Governors Prayer Breakfast next week.
  - The MOT Chamber of Commerce is having a free mixer, will be a good opportunity to promote the Town.
- e. Public Safety: Chair – CM John Ness (not here)
  - Mayor Hatton stated there has been information sent to the state police on who may be doing the vandalism at the park.
  - Have increased the patrols in Town due to better weather and school almost out.
  - Asked residents to please call the police if they see anything.
  - Lt. P told Mayor Hatton he is trying to shift some patrols around to have more in this area all the time.
  - CW Cook commented that having the lights on at night in the park has really made a difference, she can now see if anyone is there after dark. Thanked the Town for turning the lights on.
- f. Parks & Recreation: Chair – CW Lorraine Gorman
  - Park Maintenance
    - I. Just got new playground mulch, will take a while to be spread.
    - II. Waiting on several more estimates to prune the trees.
  - Community Yard Sale – Saturday, May 9, 2015 – 9:00 – 2:00
    - I. This event has been advertised on Craig’s list, Facebook, and in the Transcript.
    - II. Movie Night – Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> (rain date: Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>)
    - III. Will be playing “Big Hero 6”, however this can’t be published in the paper per our contract. Will have a large movie screen set up back by the pavilion, vendors off to the side, people can bring their chairs or blankets and watch the movie.
    - IV. Police will be there, lights will be set up in the parking lots.
    - V. Fat Daddy’s funnel cakes and Dino’s ice cream will be there selling snacks.
  - Country Line Dancing – Thursday, June 18, 2015, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
    - I. The fire company will be there and selling BBQ at 4:00 prior to the line dancing.
  - School of Rock Concert – Saturday, July 25, 2015 @ 6:30 pm
    - I. This is another free event. Come out and enjoy the fun.
  - Town Fair – Saturday, September 26, 2015
    - I. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual fair and parade. Hope to see everyone there.

**VIII. Citizens Comments & Participation**

- a. Peter Bowers said he is working on his Eagle Scout and looking for projects to help others and would like to help the Town.
- b. CW Gorman and CW Cook said they would love to talk to him after the meeting.

**IX. Adjournment: 8:11 pm, CW Gorman motioned, CM Sutton seconded with unanimous vote.**

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